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E. O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MASS MO
SUBJ: FY 80 SECURITY ASSISTANCE ASSESSMENT

REF: A. STATE 196942 (NOTAL), B. RABAT 4534

1. REFTEL A REQUESTED CLARIFICATION OF REFTEL B.
2. THE FOLLOWING CHANGES SHOULD BE MADE TO PARA 13 OF REFTEL B.
 - A. PARA 13B. CHANGE THE SECOND SENTENCE TO READ:
"IT IS ESTIMATED THAT 12 AH-1S AIRCRAFT COULD PROVIDE FULL
OPERATIONAL COVERAGE OF ONE OF THE TWO AVENUES OF APPROACH
FROM ALGERIA."
 - B. NO CHANGE TO PARA 13C(2).
 - C. PARA 13C(3)(B): CHANGE THE FIRST SENTENCE TO READ
AS FOLLOWS: "RISK ASSESSMENT: THIS LEVEL, COMBINED WITH THE
ASSUMED CASH PURCHASES, WOULD ALLOW FOR FULL OPERATIONAL
COVERAGE OF ONE PRINCIPAL AVENUE OF APPROACH INTO MOROCCO,
OR COVERAGE OF BOTH AVENUES AT A REDUCED LEVEL OF EFFECTIVE-
NESS."
 - D. PARA 13C(4)(B): REFTEL A., PARA 1, LEVEL 4 REFERS
TO "OPERATIONAL CAPABILITY ON ONE OF THREE AVENUES OF
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APPROACH". THIS MAY HAVE BEEN DUE TO A TRANSMISSION ERROR
OF REFTEL B., AS THIS SENTENCE SHOULD READ "OPERATIONAL
CAPABILITY ON ONE OF THESE, REPEAT THESE, AVENUES."

3. FURTHER EXPLANATION OF THE DEFENSIVE CAPABILITIES
REALIZED AT THE PROPOSED FUNDING LEVELS FOLLOWS:
 - A. LEVEL 1 (4 HELICOPTERS): MINIMUM COVERAGE OF ONE

AVENUE OF APPROACH. FOUR IS THE MINIMUM NUMBER OF HELICOPTERS CONSIDERED TO BE DEPLOYABLE IN AN OPERATIONAL MODE. PARA 13B OF REFTEL B, MADE THE ASSUMPTION THAT GOM COULD PURCHASE 3 HELICOPTERS WITH CASH. ADDING THESE THREE HELICOPTERS WOULD INCREASE THIS MINIMUM COVERAGE OF ONE AVENUE OF APPROACH TO WHAT WAS DEFINED AS "REDUCED LEVEL OF EFFECTIVNESS" IN REFTEL B, BUT WOULD NOT BE SUFFICIENT TO PROVIDE EVEN MINIMUM COVERAGE OF TWO AVENUES OF APPROACH.

B. LEVEL 2 (6 HELICOPTERS): REDUCED LEVEL OF EFFECTIVENESS FOR ONE AVENUE OF APPROACH. IF THREE ADDITIONAL HELICOPTERS ARE PURCHASED WITH CASH, THE TOTAL OF NINE HELICOPTERS WOULD ALLOW A NEARLY FULL OPERATIONAL COVERAGE OF ONE AVENUE OF APPROACH OR MINIMUM COVERAGE OF THE TWO AVENUES OF APPROACH.

C. LEVEL 3 (9 HELICOPTERS): NEARLY FULL OPERATIONAL COVERAGE OF ONE AVENUE OF APPROACH OR MINIMUM COVERAGE OF TWO AVENUES OF APPROACH. IF THREE ADDITIONAL HELICOPTERS ARE PURCHASED WITH CASH, THE TOTAL OF 12 HELICOPTERS WOULD ALLOW FULL OPERATIONAL COVERAGE OF ONE AVENUE OF APPROACH OR COVERAGE OF TWO AVENUES OF APPROACH AT A REDUCED LEVEL OF EFFECTIVENESS.

D. LEVEL 4 (12 HELICOPTERS): FULL OPERATIONAL COVERAGE OF ONE AVENUE OF APPROACH OR COVERAGE OF TWO AVENUES OF APPROACH AT A REDUCED LEVEL OF EFFECTIVENESS.

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